



# Newsletter

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

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## Cracking down on illegal e-scooters and e-bikes

The dangers of e-scooters and e-bikes are brought to my attention on an almost daily basis. Clearly, our communities have had enough, sharing with me countless tales of near misses.

Regrettably, officers only have limited powers to tackle the growing concerns. This is something I am determined to change along with my PCC colleagues nationally.

Anyone caught using an e-bike or e-scooter dangerously or in an anti-social manner should face

the full arm of the law. As it stands, e-bikes can be used anywhere a pedal bike can while e-scooters are illegal in public places and on pavements.

We will be putting our heads together with local partners to deter dangerous riding and prevent serious injuries locally, but we also need the support of manufacturers to ensure these devices are better monitored. Clearly, there are environmental gains to such technology, but this must always be balanced with safety.

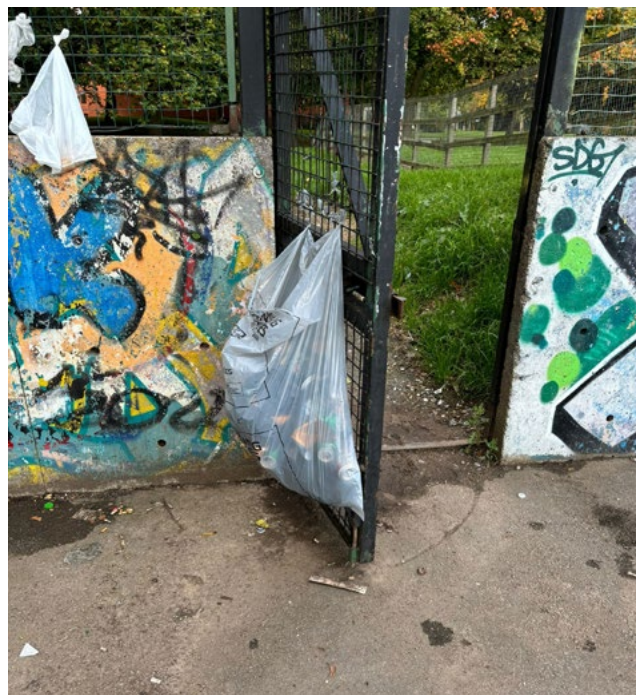
# Skills uplift for officers and safety workers to prevent ASB

Making sure officers use their powers effectively to tackle crime is a top priority.

That's why I provided funding for 300 police officers and safety workers across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to receive special training to better respond to anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The training, run in partnership with Leicestershire County Council, took place during 2023/24 and was funded through the grants I provide to Community Safety Partnerships. A further 120 officers and safety leads will complete sessions later this year.

I know residents and businesses want to see offenders punished for this despicable behaviour and I will continue to make sure tough justice is delivered.



## Talking shoplifting and hate crime in Leicester

I enjoyed an action-packed visit to Leicester over the summer where I heard about a project underway to better understand hate crime and efforts to prevent shoplifting and ASB.

My first stop was at the charity Trade Sexual Health which received funding from my office to run a mapping project to reveal a true picture of hate incidents against members of the LGBTQ+



community across the city and two counties. Safety workshops will be held later in the year.

Elsewhere, I dropped in at the New Parks Hub in one of my People Zones to have a look around the new community rooms and meet youngsters enjoying sports activities

delivered by Leicester City in the Community's team. Then it was on to Beaumont Leys where I chatted to shop managers at the shopping centre about rising levels of shoplifting and the risk this posed to staff when challenging offenders.



# Delivering on my Manifesto promises

Before I was re-elected, I promised to leave no stone unturned in my mission to make our villages, towns and city safer.

I've been busy engaging with communities and stakeholders on what the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan should be. However, I have already started work on the issues that you've told me are important to you.

Neighbourhood Policing was raised in one of my first

governance meetings with the Chief Constable and I am pleased with the strength of commitment he gave to ensuring these teams are well-equipped to protect our communities. I have also initiated discussions with the Deputy Chief Constable on expanding our Special Constabulary – we both agree on the huge value they bring to community safety – and my Deputy Rani Mahal is drawing up a proposal to help 'Watch' groups work with us and deliver prevention projects in their areas.



## PROTECTING YOUNG GIRLS AND WOMEN FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Funding I secured from the Home Office's Safer Streets 5 Fund will enable 40 organisations to roll out a new training programme to prevent sexual violence in Leicester and beyond.

The programme has been specially developed to prevent and raise awareness of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). It will be delivered in schools, youth clubs and other community settings and focused on young people between the ages of 10 and 19.

The aim is to target intervention as early as possible to reduce the risk of young people being harmed or committing these abhorrent offences in adolescence or adulthood.

## STANDING UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE

A huge number of officers and staff sacrificed holidays and rest days to keep the communities of Leicester safe amid the national outbreaks of disorder this summer.

The mindless thuggery that was witnessed across the country was a reminder of the dangers our officers face in protecting the public and how quickly incidents can escalate. I was proud and grateful to all those who stepped in to provide additional reassurance to residents in the city and beyond during this tense period.

Thankfully, no unrest occurred locally, and that is chiefly due to those who serve on behalf of the force and our partner organisations, always going above and beyond to protect our right to peace.



# Crime in Leicester

On a recent visit to Westcotes I was pleased to be able to tell people that crime in the area had reduced by 11.2% (318 less offences).

I was also able to reassure them that serious issues such as possession of weapons and drug offences have fallen by 6.49% and 2.4% respectively.

In fact, only three beats – City Centre, Riverside and Evington – saw an increase compared to the previous year, so I am busy talking to our partners in those areas to see how we can help.

Meanwhile, the number of people brought to justice in the city has increased.

## Out and about in the City



Spinney Hill Park



Visiting the Aikman Flats Community Rooms



Visiting art exhibition to showcase young artists



An evening out with Turning Point



Visiting Beaumont Leys Muslims



Visiting Leicestershire Advice & Support Services



Visiting Loros Professional Development Centre

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